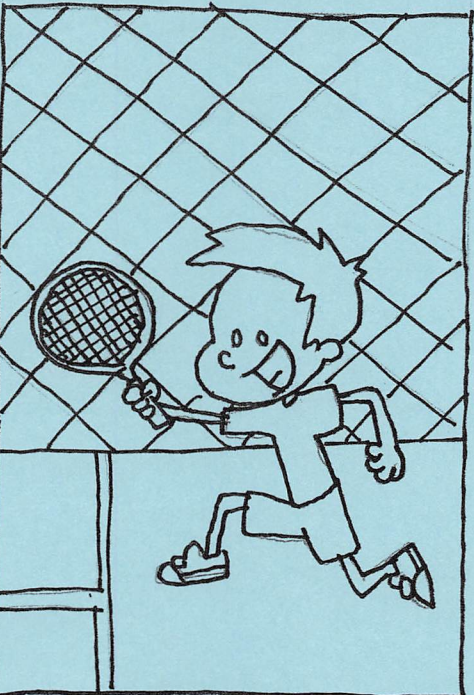
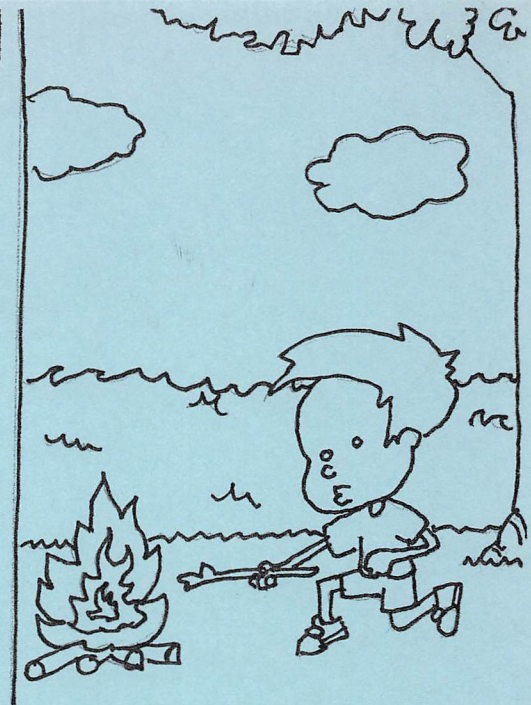




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The Biroca Blast's Dedication 2005

We, the Biroca Blast Staff of 2005 dedicate this year's edition of the Biroca Blast to a lively character we all see and love each and every day...

Doug Miller

Day in and day out Doug's enthusiasm, fervor, and passion drive the Birch Rock program and facilitated the happiness of a large mass of children.. Along with his dedication to the Birch Rock community on a daily basis in the front lines of campdom, he dedicates his time to projects and things we may not witness each day. His successful creation of the new Birch Rock website is something everyone should be eternally grateful for. We cannot describe with words our gratefulness for his ability to keep activities running strong and his organizational skills to which we owe the world. He did it all with a smile and patience. For four years of strong dedication we dedicate our yearly yearbook to a true Birch Rock gentlemen. We will always remember Doug's charismatic smile, deep charm, monkey-like speech and actions, and gentlemanly behavior.

A View from the Top

By Director Mike Mattson

With a new Chief's cabin to live in, my view has changed, but not much. It has been another amazing summer for the Rock with an elite staff made up of almost entirely veteran Birch Rockers with a great group of new guys. The veteran staff made up our core cabin unit and was very enthusiastic about this summer season. The new guys, two Trip Leaders (Pat McCarthy & Ian Sarr) and our Nature Counselor (Blake Massey) added just the right amount of spice to this summer's program. I want to thank our staff for all their hard work and dedication and hope to see many of them back next summer.

The real characters at camp are our sensational young men who make up the campers on campus. If not for their great smiles, extreme energy and willingness to try new things, we would not have a Birch Rock. We had 31 new campers join us this summer and each and every one of them was a welcome addition to our group. Thanks to all the campers for a great summer!

Finally, I want to thank our Kitchen Crew for the delicious and nutritious meals we were served everyday. The hard work and time spent by these four women in order to run a clean, organized kitchen and serve healthy, tasty meals to all of us did not go unnoticed. I personally appreciate any extra time spent serving personal meals and special diet foods for so many of us. Thank you, ladies!



Head Counselor Report

By Douglas Miller



This was the most fun summer that I have had yet at The Rock! The summer started off with a bang and we rode the non-stop wave of fun all the way through to the end. All sorts of great events transpired this year:

- *Never done before trips*
- *Visits from raptor specialists, wolf specialists, Native American drummers*
- *Fly fishing demonstrations*
- *The inaugural Parent Council meeting*
- *A new whale record was set at 2 hours and 1 minute*
- *The nature program re-opened after being closed for decades*
- *The triathlon*

And the list goes on...

We were truly blessed with great weather this year. When I first arrived around the end of May I was very concerned since everything was so wet and seemed to refuse to dry up even after a week of sunshine. There was even a stream of water running across the driveway from the day that I arrived until the middle of the second week of camp. When that stream dried up, I knew it was going to be a good summer. We only ran the rainy day schedule five or six days all summer and watched a total of four movies both sessions.

It was a true honor being able to spend my summer with each of you this year. I hope to see every one of you back next summer because I could not imagine a better way to spend my time than being with each of you. Thank you for giving me a great time this year. I will never forget it.

C.I.T. Report 2005

This year we had an incredibly solid C.I.T. group. Led by our director Ryan "Rhyno" Massey, we watched the year fly in front of our eyes, before we could take in all that was happening.

ROLE CALL:

Andrew Clemence (glavin)
Colin McMahon (in great shape)
Nicholas Musciano (oooooooo mr. brc)
Henry Rounds (face food)
Joe Rood (right across the lake)
Ross Schlecht ("that's mad sick")
Ben Schreiber (Washington business.....)
Mark Winkler (winky poops)

We spent the first portion of the year assisting in every activity, and now have narrowed down our focus to our specialties. We have witnessed growth in each other by sticking together, and learning to become counselors. We enjoyed occasional departures from camp, to "help the other fellow", such as stacking wood. As a whole everyone had a great year and we all hope to enjoy future years on staff.

Sincerely,

The C.I.T.'s

"The Great Eight"

Andrew Clemence

H. Rounds

Colin McMahon

Ben Schreiber

Mark Winkler

Rhyno Massey

~~Joseph P. Rood~~

Ross Schlecht

Health Lodge Report

Summer of 2005 was a great season at the Health Lodge. We worked hard to keep to keep the drink stations sanitary and use Germ-x when we couldn't wash our hands. Mornings began with hot cereal for our daily fiber, chewable vitamin C for our immune system, and a pitcher or two of water to stay hydrated.

Unfortunately for the campers who were up in the Health Lodge for various reasons, the VCR broke down. No movies in the Health Lodge!! We were forced to read our books and play board games, which is more productive than staring at the TV anyway.

Besides those few cases of strap throat early in the season, some sniffles, poison ivy, and a few tummy aches, this summer was thankfully uneventful in the Health Lodge.

We started out the summer with a veteran staff, well trained in CPR and First Aid by previous health officer John Leighton. Many thanks to John for his time and devotion. I am very thankful.

To Doug Miller and Ryan Massey who were on duty medical officers while I was off campus. Both Doug and Ryan are wilderness First Aid Responders. I am also thankful to waterfront director Carl Finnsen for training the CIT's in Life guarding this summer. They all worked very hard and we are so proud to have such a well-trained staff at Birch Rock.

I am blessed to spend another summer in this community of Gentlemen.

-Cathy Roland



1st Session

“Twas the Beginning...”

Cabin Reports

1st Session

Hilton A Cabin Report - Session Number One

Hilton A this year was totally, awesomely, and breathtakingly cool. We had four of the greatest hiltonites ever. The campers were Alex Benjack, Bennett Cole, Henry Cleaves, and Nicholas Cogswell. Alex Benjack is from Virginia. Bennett Cole is from Maine. Henry Cleaves is from Maine and Nicholas Cogswell is from Illinois. Ben is 8 years old. Alex is 7. Henry is 8 and Nicholas is almost 9. We all love BRC and we will come as much as possible. We all love clean up. Our favorite activities are tennis, lacrosse, Basketball, baseball, soccer, and of course instructional swim. The trips are very fun. We went to Crooked River. We went white water rafting but without a raft. Pearson is Nice.

© "Arry Pottah!, you got-a sort aht yo' pry-or-ities!"- Pearson Jenks ©

The Lineup

Hilton B Cabin Report Session One

Yo, this is Hilton B. This is the low-down from the camper perspective.

-Hi, my name is Nate Geremia. I like to play sports. I also like to make my bed.

-Hi, my name is Matthew Burke. I like to play football. My favorite food is spaghetti.

-Hi, my name is Andrew Benjack. I like to windsurf, sail, kayak, and go to Campcraft.

-Hi, my name is Jeremy Lifter. I live in Ohio and I like Campcraft a lot. I also like lacrosse.

"Our Counselor is Matt Clifford, the swimming and kayaking instructor and he is cool. And Colin too."

- Biroca Editors



Cabin One Cabin Report- Session One

Our cabin is Cabin 1. Our counselor is Artem. The People in our cabin are Sam Sherman, Jack Cutler, Curtis Whiting and Matt Carson. Sam's favorite activity is Baseball. Jack's favorite activity is LAX. Curtis's favorite activity is Basketball. Matt's favorite activity is Art. We all had a wonderful time here in Cabin 1!!!!!!!

“It’s Liquid!”

“No Dan, it’s Ice!”

PREPARE TO EVACUATE

Overruling
the experts

Re-Animated

Cabin 2 Cabin Report-Session One

The people in Cabin 2 are Marcus Foley, Alex McLaughlin, Henry Gunderson and Max Salmeron. Alex is known to be HILARIOUS and to like COWS!!!!!! Henry is known for being unknown. Marcus is known for getting his knife rights fast. Max is known for reading. Alex's favorite activity is archery, soccer and canoeing. Marcus's favorite activity is windsurfing. Henry's favorite activity is nature. Max's favorite activity is basketball. We are all having a great summer.

*"I love cows... they give me milk... and meat too."
- Alex McLaughlin*

Pack more fun into your summer.

PUTTING IT IN CONTEXT

Cabin Three Cabin Report- Session One

This year in Cabin 3, our members were Chris Huston, John Musciano, Peter Robbins, Ryan Boothby, and our counselor Dan Letovsky. Chris Huston is from Lawrenceville, NJ. This is his 3rd year. His favorite activities are baseball, basketball, and tennis. John is from Falmouth, ME. This is his first year. His favorite activities are swimming, sailing, and kayaking. Peter Robbins is from Weston, CN. This is his first year. His favorite activities are swimming, campcraft, and windsurfing. Ryan Boothby is from Brewer, ME. This is also his first year. His favorite activities are swimming, kayaking, and campcraft. Under Dan's firm leadership we went straight to the top, winning inspection multiple times, and completing many goals. Jibbity-jab-jab.

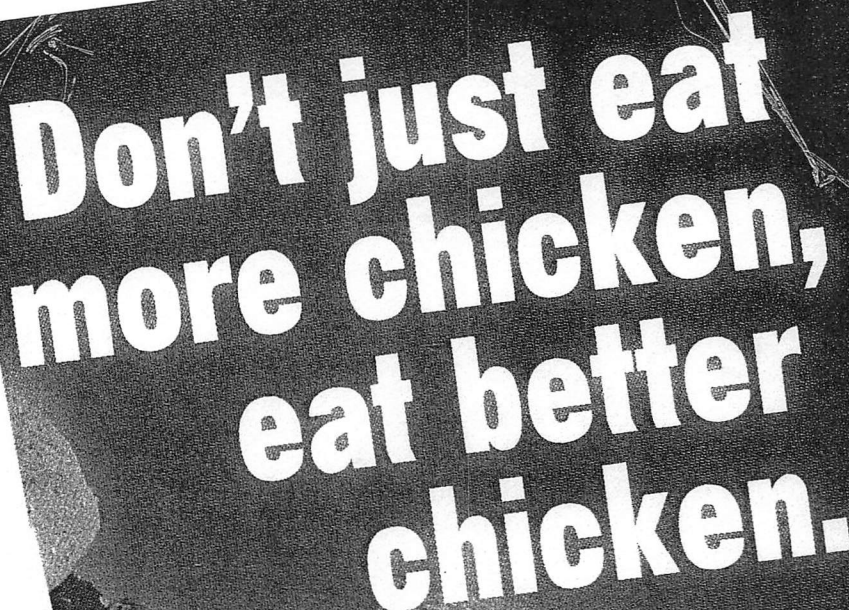
"We Love Dan Letovsky... and the Big Four too!"

-Biroca Staff

Act like a big guy.

Cabin 4 Cabin Report-Session One

One person in our cabin was Gabe Dreyer, he is from Newton, Massachusetts. He likes nature and sailing. Ben* is from South Portland, Maine. Nature and Campcraft are his favorite activities. Peter Burke of Naples, Florida, he likes campcraft and Mt. Biking. Charlie Schuler is from Huntington, New York. He likes Campcraft and Mountain Biking. Ross, our CIT is from Morristown, New Jersey and helps out at Campcraft and Mountain Biking. Will, who is our counselor is from Ellicott City, Maryland and he teaches lacrosse and tennis. We have had a lot of fun this year at the rock.

A black and white photograph of a sign with white text. The sign is tilted and has a dark, textured background. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font and reads: "Don't just eat more chicken, eat better chicken." The sign is set against a background of rocks and some foliage.

**Don't just eat
more chicken,
eat better
chicken.**

Fast?

Cabin Five Cabin Report- Session One

This summer Cabin 5 is filled with awesome people. We are led by the almighty, all powerful frogman, Galen Arnold (a.k.a. Gall-len). The right-hand man, Henry Rounds (our CIT), is an awesome guy with magical leadership powers. Then there are the cool kids who make up the cabin. Jamie Foley, from Bowdoinham, ME likes ice cream and pizza and his favorite activity is baseball. Andrew Edwards is from Falmouth, ME, likes football and tennis, and his favorite activity is sailing. Ryan Scheyer, who is from North Hampton, NH likes sailing and baseball, and his favorite activity is campcraft. Theo Lipsky, who is from New York, New York likes Star Wars and writing, and his favorite activity is art.

"Stayin' Alive in Cabin Five"- Erik Joelsson, 2002

HOME FREE IS IN THE HOME STRETCH!

Cabin 6 Cabin Report Session One

In Cabin 6 there is Chris Ríos, Ross Sherman, Jay Capasso and Jake Cahill. Our counselor is Eli Fitch and our SUPER C.I.T. Mark Winkler (WINKS). Chris's favorite activity is LAX, Ross and Jay's is Tennis and Jake's is Kayaking. This year is Chris's 6th year. Ross has been here 2 years. Jay has been here 3 years and Jake is in the midst of his STUPENDIS 1st year here at THE ROCK. We love writing cabin reports above all. It is also pertinent to understand that we love the BIG FOUR! WOOHOOOOO! For all those who are wondering LAX=Lacrosse. Will Weeks taught lacrosse and tennis. We love WILL WEEKS!!!!

"I am Eli, my car is fast. Faster than yours... and 6.6 billion other people's cars." - Eli Fitch

It's not just a turbocharged engine

How?

Cabin 7 Cabin Report, Session One

This year in the STYLIN' CABIN 7 was four AWESOME KIDS and ONE DAVID BARRETTE. We also had our great C.I.T. Nick Musciano. Cabin 7 consisted of Alex Chapin, Will Brewster, Ben Howard, and Andrew Ziegler. Our Favorite Activities Are:

- Will: Campcraft, Baseball, and Art
- Alex: Baseball, Art, and Swimming
- Ben: Campcraft, Lacrosse, and Sailing
- Andrew: Soccer

Dave teaches Basketball, Baseball, and Tennis. Our cabin is the best at inspection (BOY, DO WE LOVE INSPECTION). This year is the best year at BRC for all of us!!!

"I am Italian..." - Nick Musciano

**HEAD
OF THE
HOUSE**

Cabin 8 Cabin Report-Session One

In Cabin 8 First Session it was excellent, pleasurable, chill, and pleasant. We had a nice extravaganza of gargantuan, flabbergasting fun. Led by our semi-fearless counselor Carl Finnson, we conquered all evil stuff in our path. Co-led by our fear-inspiring CIT Ben Schriber, we conquered all semi-evil stuff in our path.

Harry Netzer is representing from Larchmont, NY has the preferred events of Library, Art, Nature, Campcraft, and howl hunting (Archery)

On the left bunk, all the way from Boca Raton, FL is Matt Sutton. He likes writing, swimming, soccer, and loves tennis. He also likes making his bed and being quiet when he's told to.

Hailing from Atlanta, Georgia is our very own Austin "Shiggita" Shellnut. He likes swimming, lacrosse, kayaking, and using women's hair care products to beautify himself.

Jake Cohen comes to us from Darien, CT. When he is not off on skyninja missions, you can find him at canoeing, kayaking, archery, or sailing.

All in all, Cabin 8 first session was a great experience.

"Hey... you wait... no!!! They're taking our cabin! NOOOOOO!!!"- Harry Netzer, overtaken by the Big Four

It's a kick in the buds!

Eagles Nest Cabin Report First Session

Eagles Nest was a fantastic and hyperactive group this year. The bunkmates include Noah Aronson, Dimitri Cauoulacos, Andy Churchill, Chris Cogswell, David Kane, Tuck Richardson and Charlie Silverstein. The two Fantastic Councilors were Matt "DIGITY" Downs and Paul Koepke.

Noah is from Cape Elizabeth, M.E. Some of his favorite activities include Tennis, Archery, and Basketball. Dimitri's is from Paris, France. His favorite activities are canoeing, sailing and campcraft.

Andy is from Harrison, M.E. His favorite activities are sailing, Tennis and Archery. Chris is from Barrington, Illinois. His favorite activities include sailing, Tennis and Soccer.

David is from Falmouth, ME. His favorite activities are sailing, Mt. Biking, and tennis.

Charlie Silverstein is from Winnetka, Illinois. He likes sailing, kayaking, and lacrosse.

Tuck Richardson is from Mont Clair, New Jersey. He likes nature, kayaking, and swimming.

Matt Downs is from Orono, ME. He teaches baseball and basketball. Paul Koepke is from Monroe, Louisiana, and he teaches soccer and canoeing. And a good 1st session was had by all!

Written by Dr. Andy Churchill

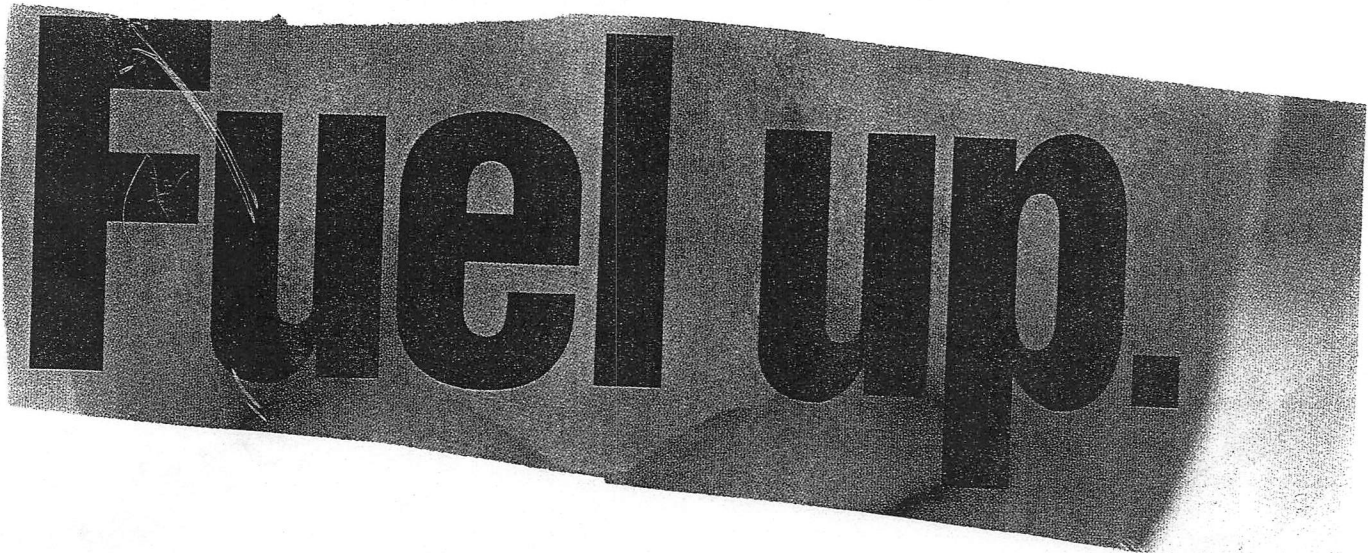
Harry Potter

One Angry Man

Buzzard's Roost Cabin Report, Session One

The people in Buzzard's Roost are from all different places.

(Excluding Sam Cleaves and Patrick Bowden who are both from Maine. Gabriel García is from the Dominican Republic, which is between Puerto Rico and Cuba. Zack Lynn is from New York. He is a big Yankees fan and most of the people are Red Sox fans. Dylan Laycox is the funniest person in the cabin. He is from Massachusetts and enjoys sleeping. Mike Johnson is from Florida. He is the second funniest person in the cabin. Grant Carlson is from California. He enjoys card games such as Egyptian Cat War. Patrick Bowden likes to wear his hat and to read books. Keith Arnold, our counselor is the chain-master and has already almost completed making a chain-mail glove. Mike Wilson is another counselor. He is the Mountain Biking Instructor. He likes to write in his journal, reading, telling stories and being generally funny acting. That is the superphantistisch cabin of Buzzard's Roost.



So comfortable, you can play all night.

Owl's Perch Cabin Report, Session One

Real World: Owl's Perch

Intro (Deep Monotone Voice): 8 kids forced to live together, under one roof... Will they resist temptation to dance to the similarly matched Lindsay Lohan and/or Hillary Duff? Can they endure the onslaught of a Frenchman and a crazed Philadelphian Weasel? They will indeed be put to the test.

Day One: "Hi Mrs. Neilson, I'm delighted to have your son Peter here with us. We are going to have a great time and I'm not going to abuse your son."

***Note:** Replace "Neilson" with the last names of each residing member in the Perch to understand The Weaz's dialect throughout the entire opening day*

Day Two: "POINTS SYSTEM!!! AHHH 5 POINTS FOR INSPECTION WIN THREE DAYS IN A ROW! NEGATIVE 60 'CAUSE YOU LOST QUAREM!"

Day Three: "Time for a bed time story by my favorite author, Bob Ditter!"
Thirty minutes later... "You've been Ditter-ized!"

Day Seven: "Oui."- William upon a late arrival...

Week Two: "YAHHH!!!"*note high pitched scream usually emitted from the Weaz.

All in all, our wondrous cast managed to survive the points system and our crazy insane counselors Mark Sutherland and William Rounds. The campers were also a blast. These included...

Nick Martin: Most often seen participating in Sailing and Campcraft. His cousin was Chelton

Chelton Martin: Enjoys a good pie, fishing, and a nice bike-ride. He's from Bangor, ME.

Ryan McElroen: The infamous twin of Chris. He enjoys art and singing... a lot... and sailing.

Chris McElroen: Chris enjoys sailing, swimming, kayaking, and long walks on the beach.

Ed Cohen: Ed, hailing from NJ, enjoys lacrosse and sailing.

Sam Deeran: Sam likes to participate in sailing, Campcraft, and swimming involuntarily.

Peter Neilson: Peter likes Mt. Biking. He also loves lamp and Mass.

Ed Houssin: Ed hails from the far lands of Paris. He loves to play tennis and teach us French.

"Whirlpool!"- Alasdair and Sam

Can't get enough?

PETE'S PALACE CABIN REPORT,

SESSION ONE

In the first session Pete's Palace consisted of eight totally awesome campers and one totally sweet swede of a counselor, Eric Joelsson. Our campers were Alasdair Thornton, Matt Introcaso, Sean O'Toole, Andrew Koines, Drew Cash, Mike McKinnon, Walter Roland and Andrew "boo boo" Bowden. Drew enjoys library and wailing on his guitar. Mike likes to Mountain Bike and to shoot archery. Sean enjoys canoeing and baseball. Walter likes to constantly work on dungeons and dragons. Alasdair enjoys evening activity and whirlpools. Andrew likes talking about ninjas and Boo Boo likes to write letters and swim with only his arms. Matt enjoys long walks on the beach. It was a great three and one-half weeks together and they are ones we will never forget.

Shady Characters

Trip Reports

"What a long, strange trip its been..."

1st Session

TOO MUCH IS NOT ENOUGH.

Hilton A + B Trip Report, First Session

We got into the van and left camp to go to Crooked River. Within five hours of our departure from camp we arrived at the trail.

We hiked for 20 hours until we arrived at the campsite. We first had to set-up camp. Then we went swimming.

After swimming we had spaghetti and went off to bed after a good night with Junior around the fire. When we awoke the next morning it was raining. We had mapo and hot chocolate for breakfast. Before leaving we went swimming again. Then we departed to go back to camp.

Save
56%!

Leading Off

Cabin 1 and 2 trip report, First Session

On a sunny day, cabins 1 and 2 went to Dartmouth College with Blake Massey, Patrick McCarthy and Joe Rood. Once we got there we set up camp and climbed Diamond Peak and saw lots of great views. After, we were so tired that we tried to go to sleep right away, but it didn't happen. We roasted marshmallows and had smores. The next day when we woke up, we saw three snowshoe hares. After that, we played capture the flag. Then we packed up and started to leave. On the way back we saw a female moose.

**Which friends
will you take
to this year's
Final Four?**

Cabin Five and Six Trip Report, First Session

Cabins five and six went on a trip to Bald Pate. It was unfortunately cut short due to many problems. But that does not mean that we did not have fun. We started out on Tuesday. After that we drove to Andover, we got out of the car, got our backpacks out and had lunch. Lunch was peanut butter and jelly. The sun was shining and the weather looked promising. We hiked for five miles that day. For the first two miles there was no rain. A little after the third mile however, a thunderstorm hit. At first it was not that bad, but then it picked up. We hiked up for two more miles in pouring rain. At the last half of the last mile we had to go into the lightning position for thirty minutes cause we saw lightning. When we finally got to the lean-to, a lot of our possessions were completely soaked. When we were finally warm and dry, we set up tents and ate burritos. Then we went to sleep. The next day it was drizzling a little. We had breakfast and then got moving. Then the rain picked up again. We realized half-way through the ten miles we had to go that day that all of our clothing in our packs was soaked. By then we decided that we had to cut it short. So we stopped at a road and after awhile of talking and getting organized a van from BRC came to pick us up. As we drove to camp, we looked back on our trip and agreed that a good time was had by all!

New Body. Old Mind

Cabin three and four trip report, First session

Cabins three and four went on an awesome trip to double head Mountain. We climbed both of double heads peaks in just two days. After hiking all day through sleet, hail, snow, rain and lightning we stopped in a cabin on top of the north Double head. The next morning we climbed down the north peak and up the south peak to witness another amazing view. Gabe Dreyer was almost mauled by a massive black bear. We hiked down the south peak and waited from our van to arrive from BRC. The trip was totally sweet, and/or awesome and a good time was had by all the participants in the trip.

Get it in the mail

Cabin seven and eight trip report, first session

We all left for a six-hour drive to Park's Pond campground/ trailer park in Clifton, ME after breakfast. The next morning, we drove to eagle bluff, the cliff we would be climbing our instructors, Peter and Catrina, were good teachers and very helpful. We all admired Catrina's climbing ability.

Some of us were slow to start, but we were all climbing like pros by mid-day. At the end of a long day, we all crashed at the campsite. The next day, we conquered some more challenging material at Park's Pond cliff. These Higher climbs had fewer handholds and were a lot of fun. After ending the day with an exhilarating 200-foot rappel we headed back to the campsite. Although it rained a little, us birch rockers were not hindered by mere precipitation. The next morning our brave adventurers traveled by van, foot, longboat, nearly cutting the time in half.



Eagles Nest Trip Report, First Session

We began our trip on the Magalloway River. Our trip included David Kane, Tuck Richardson, Andy Churchill, Noah Aronson, Dimitri Cavaloucaos Bob Donahue, Charlie Silverstein, Chris Cogswell, Andrew Clemence, Ross Schlecht, Pat McCarthy and Blake Massey.

Day 1: David, Noah, Andrew and Ross were pulled way ahead of the group, on a very easy day. That night there was a thunderstorm but we were safe inside a cabin. We learned how to play the game Mafia.

Day 2: We paddled twelve miles to the end of the river and onto Umbagog Lake. We jumped off a 25 foot tall bridge into 30 degree water. We also learned how to make "hemp".

Day 3: David's tent wakes up with it up-side down. We paddled pretty far. Tuck got hit with a dead fish.

Day 4: David's tent once again wakes up up-side down. We paddle one mile and finish the trip and come back to BRC.

Disappearing Act

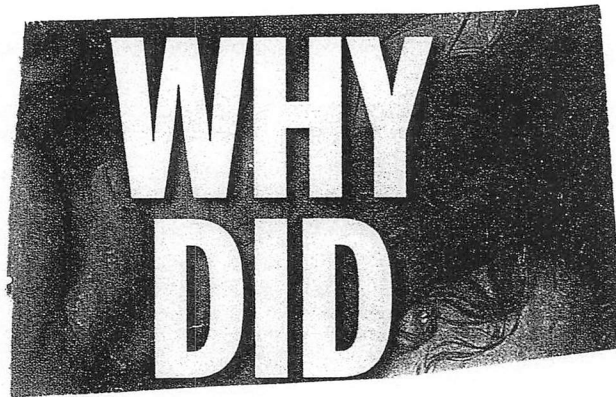
Buzzards Roost Trip Report-First Session

Once long ago there was a legendary cabin known as Buzzards Roost. This cabin was made up of the best hikers in the land from the D.R. to C.A. One day a trip leader Josh "JR" Roy gave them and Ted Cunningham a daunting task. They were asked to hike the Saddleback Range. The next day they set off. They hiked to the nearest campsite that was two miles away. They set up there tents and it immediately began to pour. The next day they decided not to do the planned hike and hiked to the road instead. When they had nearly arrived they noticed the ATV'ers destroying the trail. They helped them but not before they yelled at them. They then set up there tents even though it was hard to do so because one was broken. The next day they had to make up for the time lost. They hiked over three mountains (Saddleback, The Horn, and Saddleback jr.). They then ran out of water but made it to the campsite. They then slept and woke up at 6 o'clock ready for the day ahead. They had then hiked several miles until Ted felt a pain in his knee. They found a road and left him there with some of their packs. Then they hiked up Lone Mountain and at that point even the well-toned hikers muscles began to fail. But they trucked on anyway for the end was nigh. They had two more peaks to climb (Spaulding and Sugarloaf). They climbed up Spalding easily and were near the top of Sugarloaf when they realized they had to hike down. When they reached the top they couldn't even see the bottom. It wasn't a surprise to them that it took two hours to hike down. When they finally made it down there was van trouble. It wouldn't start. Fortunately there was a cop around to help jump-start the van. They were finally off the mountains but the quest was far from over. They still had to save Ted. The van drove to a windy road and began down it. At last Ted was spotted. They picked him up and drove back to camp. At last there quest was over.

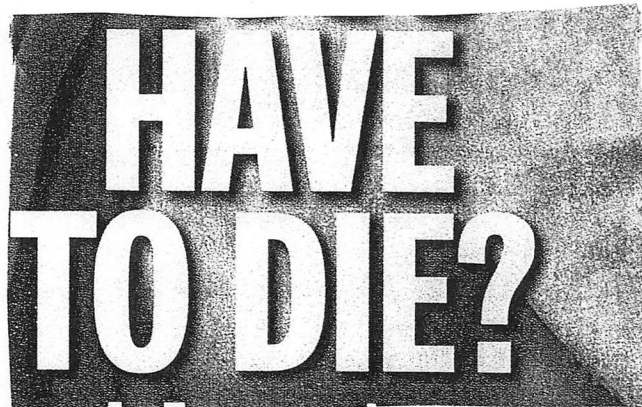
"We were going for
dramatic effect"

Owl's Perch Trip Report 1st Session

First Session, Owl's Perch set out to the Mahoosucs mountains, to brave the treacherous Mahoosuc Notch. Led by Junior, and the fearless Dave Barrette. On the first day, after a stretch, we left the dirt road, and climbed to our first campsite. We went to bed after a great meal of beans and rice. The next day, we covered a number of mountains, taking turns at the lead. The third day, we made the descent into Notch. After four hours of scaling boulders, we came to a bend and ate lunch. We hiked the infamous arm, and ended the day at a beautiful lakeside campsite. We set up the tents and went for a well-deserved swim. We were three quarters of the way through cooking a pasta dinner when it began to pour. We sat in our tents and ate gorp and oranges. We hiked out the next day, and went back to the Rock. Nick Martin earned the name trip leader Nick. A great time was had by all.



THE Counselors and Staff



PETE'S PALACE TRIP REPORT, **FIRST SESSION**

Day one: Car ride up: Pat grovin' to the Dixie chix and Andrew Bowden knows the words to every country song. First leg: It is very windy , but it's going with us. There are a ton of whitecaps it is the shortest leg. We arrive at the island and get a nice campsite. We chill for most of the day and have rice and bean burritos.

Day two: Leg two: An eight mile long canoe. Mike McKinnon and Andrew Koines counted 3,500 strokes. Second campsite. We got two tent sites separated by a rocky trail. We took the one with a better swimming area. Just as it started to get dark, pirates attacked. Alasdair had to fight them off with his ninja skills.

Day three: Third Leg: This was the longest leg by far, and it included a one-hundred yard portage. We landed at the last campsite a little tired. Then all of a sudden, more pirates! After we defeated them, we had to put up our tents quick for protection against the storms of killer mosquitos.

Day Four: Alasdair finishes the last three pounds of the original 15 pounds of cheese in one bite. We canoed the rest of the way to the pull out and left for BRC. A good time was had by all.

BAND OF BROTHERS

2nd Session

“‘Tis the end, ‘twas a blast”

Cabin Reports

2nd Session

Hilton A Cabin Report, Second Session

**LOW IN SODIUM.
HIGH IN YUM.**

Dan Huycke, Marco Foïs, Henry Cleaves and Nate Howard are the campers in Hilton A. Henry likes to go Boating. Marco likes campcraft. Nate likes to do lacrosse. Dan likes to go windsurfing. Our Counselor is Pearson Jenks. Our CIT is Andrew Clemence. We all like our cabin, our bathroom, evening activity, deserts and being able to talk in second rest. WE LOVE WILLIAM PEARSON JENKS THE THIRD.

FUNDED

**IT'S WHAT'S
FOR DINNER.**

AND BREAKFAST, IN THE UNLIKELY EVENT OF LEFTOVERS

Hilton B Cabin report second session

In Hilton B 2005 was Nick Cogswell, Luke Willoughby, Jeremy Lifter, and Zach Bamberger. Nick's favorite activities are basketball, campcraft, and tennis. He is from Illinois. Luke's favorite activities are basketball, archery, canoeing and campcraft. Luke is from Portland, Maine. Jeremy's favorite activities are lacrosse, campcraft, nature and canoeing. He is from Ohio. Zach's favorite activities are basketball, campcraft, tennis and canoeing. He is from Israel.

**The smallest
big breakfast
you'll ever have.**

Cabin 1 Cabin Report, Session Two

In Cabin 1, Session Two this year there was four of the most awesome campers. There was Matt Carson, Zack Cohen, Cody Tarlow, and Curtis Whiting.

The counselor was Artem.

Matt's favorite activity is LAX. Zack's favorite activity is Basketball.

Curtis's favorite activity was also Basketball, GO BASKETBALL!!!.

Cody's favorite activities are Campcraft and Library!!!!, GO BOOKS!!!!.

I couldn't *not* be who I am....You have to be real, and when you goof up, say you goofed up"

Cabin 2 Cabin Report 2nd Session

In our cabin this session there was a great bunch of guys. There was Alex McLaughlin, Ryan Boothby, Aaron Duff, and Nathaniel Young. Alex's favorite activities were campcraft, archery, and soccer. Ryan's favorite activities were tennis, lacrosse, archery, and campcraft. Aaron's favorite activities were campcraft, baseball, and basketball. Nathaniel's favorite activities were lacrosse, basketball, campcraft, tennis, and swimming. Alex's biggest accomplishments were getting 7 archery badges. Nathaniel got his Jr. Lacrosse badge, Aaron got his Jr. Basketball, and Ryan swam his duck. Our counselor was Ted Cunningham and our CIT was Joe Rood, who were both great this year. And a good time was had by all in Cabin 2!

Instant glow.
Just add face.

"I don't know
why I did it."

The Mother Lode

Cabin 3 cabin report second session

Cabin 3, second session, was awesome, we were not only strong in inspection but in spirit also. Our outstanding counselor Dan Letovsky, teaches archery and campcraft. Our great CIT Ben Schreiber is the Greatest. This session there were three campers. Kellen Smith is from Scarborough. He liked baseball and did a great loon. Gabe Dreyer, who is a great sailor and bed-maker and is from Newton, Massachusetts. Theo Lipsky, the third camper is a good artist and kayaker.

Safe Passage

Thinking Outside the Box

Cabin 4 Cabin Report, Second Session

Cabin 4 this year was awesome. It consisted of three campers and two staff. The campers were Charlie Caspar, Tim Mlynarski and Griffin Kline. Charlie is twelve years old and is from Dover, Massachusetts. He enjoys lacrosse and sailing. Tim is from Chicago, Illinois. He is twelve years old and has fun shooting archery and mountain biking. Griffin is from Falmouth, Maine. Like all the other campers he is twelve years old and likes campcraft and nature. Ross, our CIT is from Morristown, New Jersey. He helps out at campcraft and mountain biking. Will Weeks, our counselor is from Maryland. This is his eighth year at Birch Rock and his second year as a counselor. He teaches lacrosse and tennis. Everyone in cabin four second session.

Radio Power

Cabin Five 2nd Session Cabin Report

In the second session, Cabin 5 was totally awesome. We had two awesome counselors, Galen, and our CIT Henry Rounds. There were 4 campers in cabin 5, Ryan Scheyer, Andrew "Big Z" Ziegler, Alex "Melby" Melburg, and Johnny "Mr. Goodrich" Goodrich. Ryan Scheyer's favorite activities are campcraft and sailing. Andrew's favorite activity is soccer. Alex Melburg's favorite activities are kayaking and canoeing. Johnny's are all the field activities. Ryan's favorite experience is playing D&D. Andrew and Johnny liked everything, and Alex liked visiting day. All of them accomplished many goals. They all loved going on trips off campus. They all enjoyed playing Geronimo. All of them learned a lot this year, like how to make a better bed. They all had a great 2nd session.

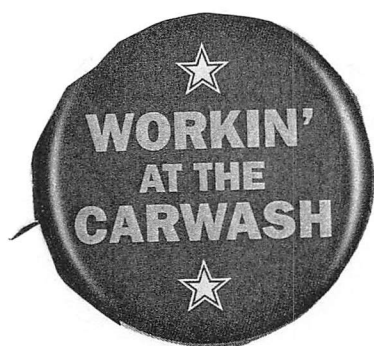
THE REVENGE OF

THE GIRLS OF SUMMER

Cabin 6 cabin report second session

This session in Chipmunk Hole there are four campers. R.D. Weeks, Ben Howard, Harry Netzer and Jake Feinman. We also had Eli Fitch and Marc Winkler and a bunch of spiders. Ben liked archery, sailing, Campcraft and not eating cheese. R.D. liked a bunch of sports, his teddy bear and sleeping. Jake loved doing his duck and archery. Harry liked nature, Campcraft and swimming. Eli's favorite thing is cars and Winks likes D-Funk. The spiders like babies. Our favorite color is neon orange.

“DARTS” — Eli Fitch



SLEEPYHEADS

Crazy Like a Fox

Cabin 7 Cabin Report 2nd Session

Cabin 7 second session felt like a communist turtle eating candied hard-boiled eggs in a hot pink subway car in the eye of the biggest storm to hit Singapore since the 11th century. I just felt we needed and awesomely random and ambiguous statement to introduce our cabin. I hope you understand. By the way, in the unlikely occasion that you're capable of extrapolating any deeper meaning from that awesomely random and ambiguous statement, you have more problems than I do. Anyway, Matt Sutton is Cabin 7's go-to-guy if you ever are trying to retrieve your great-aunt from the jaws of an insane platypus. Asides from liking the color pruple, and the D-minor inverted chord, he likes tennis, soccer, sailing, and library, and campcraft. He's from Bocca Raton, Florida. Travis Johnson is from Tapanga, California. He likes tending to his private insect liver collection, campcraft, nature, soccer, and library. Eben Goldman is from Lexington, MA. He likes the scent of junipers, polarized sunglasses, tennis, nature, campcraft, instructional swim, and library. Jake Cohen is from Darien, CT. He likes his marshmallows extra jet-puffed, high-voltage electric fences, the feeling he gets when he looks to the west and his spirit is crying for leaving, underwater basket-weaving, canoeing, sailing, basketball, and archery. We were headed up by the dynamid duo of Dave Barrette and Nick Musciano. They'll dip your orangutan's forearm in a coconut full of corn syrup any day! Cabin 7 wishes you an offseason that rocks as much as playing badminton against a team of radioactive tarantulas while listening to Norwegian death metal! (That's a lot).



Scoop

A New Menthol

Eagles Nest Cabin Report Second Session

Second session Eagles Nest consisted of eight boys. Chris Cogswell, Dimitri Cavoulacalcalcalos, Ben Brewster, Robert Donahue, David Kane, Giulio Foïs and Andy Churchill. Our counselors were Paul Koepke and Matt Downs. Robert liked sailing and kayaking, David loved Mountain Biking., Chris loves swimming and Mountain biking. Ben loves soccer and all other field sports. Giulio loves tennis and sailing. Andy spends his time everywhere and Dimitri likes canoeing and windsurfing. Second session eagles nest was a great time and everyone liked it.

TECHNOLOGY IN ACTION

got milk?

2nd Session Buzzard's Roost Cabin report

This year in Buzzard's Roost 2nd session we had 8 campers. Our cabin was led by our 2 hard-working counselors, Mike and Keith. Owen knights enjoyed lacrosse, baseball, tennis, and sailing. He is from Hopewell, NJ. Cole Schlect, from Morristown, NJ, enjoyed lacrosse, mountaing biking, canoeing, and tennis. Another camper was Dave Florence. From Greenwich, CT, he could be found at lacrosse, tennis, kayaking, and mountain biking. Tom Foorman, "the squash god", was from Chicago, Illinois. He enjoyed basketball, tennis, baseball, and nature. Grant Carlson, straight from Walnut Creek, CA, did whatever he could to sign up for lacrosse, nature, boating, sailing, and campcraft. Zach Lynn, a basketball, nature, and campcraft enthusiast, hailed from New York, NY. From the Dominican Republic was Gabe Garcia. He enjoyed nature, sailing, and campcraft. Sam Cleaves was the final camper in the Roost. He resides in Portland, ME, and enjoyed tennis, soccer, and archery. Through our cabins minor difficulties, we all managed to have a blast at the Rock.

Lighten Up.

Young and Foolish

The Perch of Owls Cabin Report 2nd Session

On the 7th day, while most think god was resting, he was creating the mightiest cabin ever known to man. He said "Let there be a cabin of the gods!" and Owl's Perch was born. The nine devine young men chosen to inhabit this cabin were Benjamin Jones, Chelton Martin, Nicholas Martin, Timothy Myers, Edward Cohen, Henry Schmid, Grant Hailer, Brady Casper and Jack Coster. Ben "the new guy" Jones is part of the Falmouth Mafia, in which Jack and Tim are included as well. He caught on to camp fast, and even though he can't really make a bed, his voice is always heard in the cabin. You could find him at Campcraft or Mountain Biking. Chelton "Redneck" Martin hails from Bangor, ME. He's an avid mountain biker and maintains the order in the cabin. His magazine collection was made up entirely of video games. His cousin, Nick "It takes me an hour to make my bed" Martin, is from Cape Elizabeth. His favorite activities include sailing and volleyball. If it was not for Nick, we might have all died terrible deaths on our trip. Tim "I'm much smarter than you" Myers is from Falmouth. Ed "Man-child" Cohen was the most interesting of the group. He was either hanging from the rafters half-naked, or oft in some distant place. His favorite activities were spearfishing and climbing rocks. Henry "I don't say much" Schmid is from Cumberland. His favorite activities were windsurfing and archery. Like Chelton, he rarely engaged in wild behavior. Grant "I own more polos than Ralph Lauren" Hailer is from Sherborn, MA. His favorite activities were basketball and nature. His magazine collectiong was like no other ranging from Forbes to Dog World. Brady "I'm ripped" Casper is from Dover. He was the cabin athlete, and loved sailing and campcraft. His seal time was one of the best Birch Rock has ever seen. And finally Jack "Grandmaster Flash" Coster is from Falmouth, ME. His favorite activities ranged from campcraft to skitmaking. His witty comments and boyish charm lit up the cabin. Finally, Mark "Weaz" Sutherland and William "I'm French" Rounds policed us and kept us from destroying the cabin. All in all, we were pretty hardcore.

ANDREW
KOINES
Rules!



Maine

Pete's Palace 2nd Session Cabin Report

This session in Pete's we had a full cast of characters which included our councilor Erik Joelsson as well as Mike McKinnon, Andrew Koinos, Alasdair Thornton, Aidan Bozzelli, Charles Netzer, Walter Roland, Sean O'Toole, Andrew "Boo-Boo" "Juicer" Bowden, and Dr. Edward Patrick Huycke. Sean enjoyed baseball and canoeing. Aidan liked art, and so did Dr. Huycke. Andrew loved basketball as well as first rest. Charles enjoyed sailing, fencing, and horseback riding. Walter liked to give his mom frequent hugs and also liked windsurfing. Juicer liked to have a fun time at Campcraft and Mike liked to do kayaking and windsurfing. Alasdair enjoyed swimming and Baseball. These three and a half weeks were great and we wish they had never ended.

Blue-Blooded

The Toughest Critics

Cabin 8 Cabin Report Second Session

This year in cabin 8 it was totally awesome! We had five totally fantastic campers and one far-fetched counselor. The campers included Sam Deeran, Anthony Clark, Ryan & Chris McEleron, Peter Neilson. We had countless memories as a core group of Senior Campers. Many memories include long nights on the Cabin 8 porch and most-likely inappropriate conversations. Carl was an awesome councilor. Living in Cabin 8 made our last year as campers awesome.

**Growing,
At Last**

Trust

Stupid Human Tricks

Trip Reports

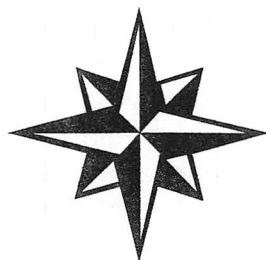
"What a long, strange trip its been..."

2nd Session

Hilton Trip Report, Second Session

On our trip we went to Bradbury State Park. The ride was about forty-five minutes. When we got there we set up camp. After we set up camp we searched for sticks and birch bark to make a fire. We then played mafia for about half an hour. Then we played orb in the driveway. We had hamburgers and hot dogs and for desert we got brownies. We had a great sleep. The next morning the oatmeal was amazing. We did a day hike to the summit of Mt. Bradbury. The views on top of the mountain were great. At the top of the mountain we had a snack. Then we went down the mountain and drove home.

GETTING TO
KNOW YOU



Cabin 1 and 2 Trip Report Session 2

On our trip this session it took about an hour and a half to get there. We went to the White Mountains in the Kancamagus area. When we got there we set up camp, explored big boulders, and finally we all went swimming. We walked through a little stream and reached a really nice beach. We all set our stuff down and went for another swim that lasted about an hour because we all ran up stream and let the current take us back down. When we got back to the campsite we all played quorum. It was awesomely and super fantastic fun. Then we all had spaghetti, made a fire, and had smores. Mmm Mmm Good! We had a long day and it was time to retire. The next morning when we all rose we ate breakfast and packed up to head back to the "rock"!



Cabin 3 and 4 Trip Report 2nd Session

Gabe D, Kellen S, Theo L, Charlie C, Griffin K, Tim M all went on this trip to Caribou Mt. It was so fun because of the hiking without the burden of heavy packs. We stayed at a really nice campground in tents. At 5:30 in the morning, one of the tents started fighting about whose space was whose. It was very funny. At one point, there was an awesome firebow demonstration by Ryno. The other trip leader was Dan Letovsky. Some good points of the trip included the view from the trop, Ryno's great dinner of pizza/pasta, and making the fire. In the morning we had oatmeal, and hot chocolate. After breakfast, we packed up and went home. A good time was had by all.



TAKE A GIANT LEAP FORWARD

Cabin 5 and 6 Trip Report 2nd Session

For the Cabin 5 and 6 trip, we hiked up and down "Old Speck Mountain". On the first day, we had a solid uphill hike of a little over 5 miles. On the way up, we made several stops, one of which was an area towards the top of the mountain, where we could see for miles all around. Looking down from the cliff-face may have been the most rewarding part of the trip. It was so amazing it made even the most difficult parts of the hike worthwhile. When we reached our campsite, we sat down, relaxed, and enjoyed a great spaghetti dinner, cooked up by our trip leader. After a well-deserved sleep, and breakfast of oatmeal, we got ready for day 2, the final day of our trip. We set off after breakfast, for the easier part of the hike. It was mostly downhill, and only a little bit longer than three and a half miles. This day went much smoother and quicker. We soon found the road, and were picked up in the van, where we were given the most delicious, and well-earned peanut butter and jelly sandwiches ever. The trip was great, and a good time was had by all.



Cabin 7 2nd Session Trip Report

Cabin 7 went on a trip accompanied with Matt Downs and Pearson Jenks. The first day we hiked 2.5 miles to the shelter. We stayed there overnight enjoying the view and having tons of fun. The next day we rock climbed 1.3 miles up a mountain and walked another 1.6 miles to South Bald Face. We took a break and hiked another 1.5 miles to North Bald Face. After that it was only half a mile back to the car. We drove for about an hour and we made it home just before flagpole. A good time was had by all.

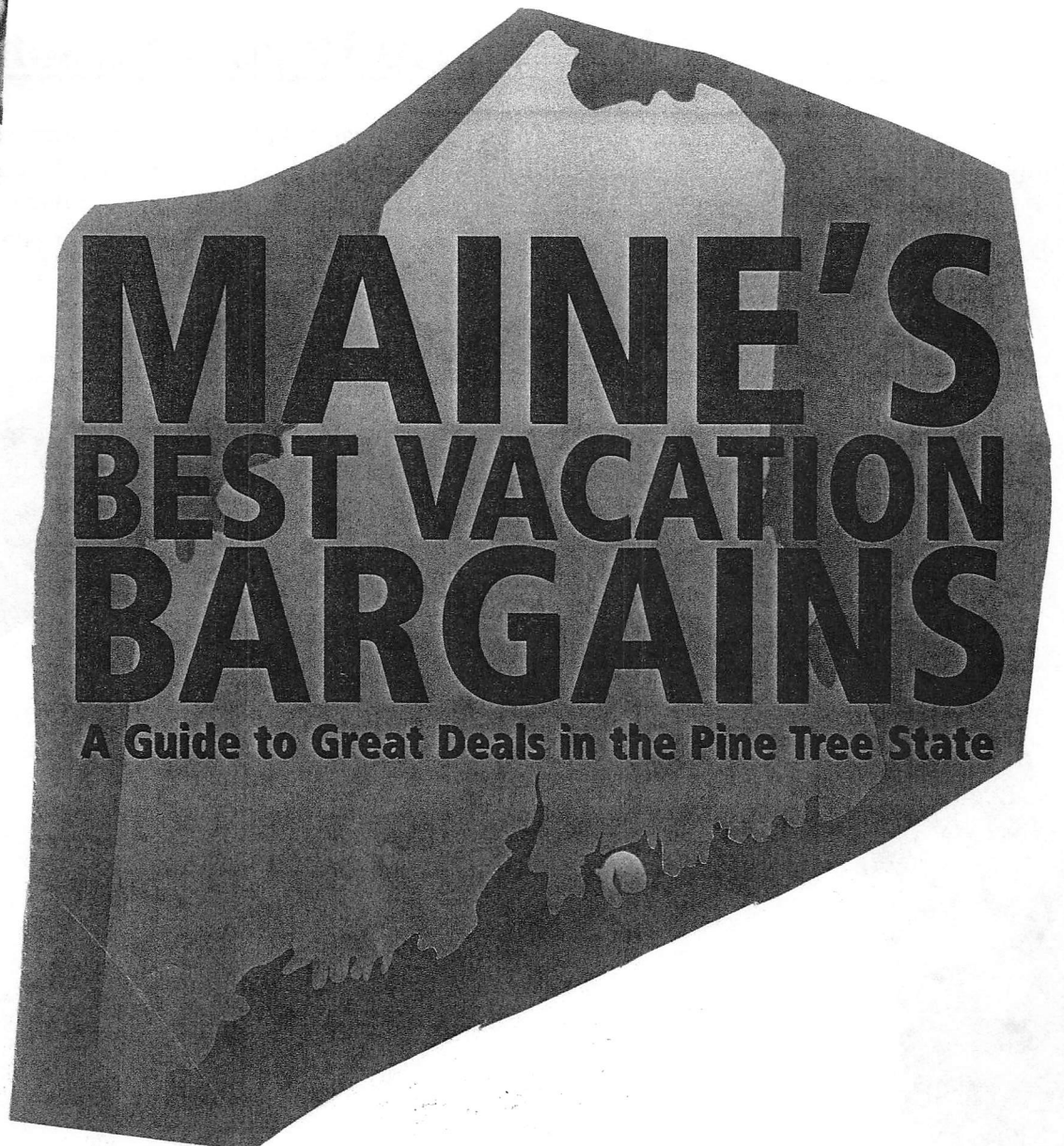


Pack more fun into your summer.*

Eagles Nest trip report 2nd session

We left camp on a bright and sunny morning physiced for our trip to Carter Dome. Our first day was fun. We hiked and slept. So was the second day. The third also. Then we went back to camp.

This cabin report was fabricated on the account that the eagle's nest trip report was not done.



Buzzards Roost Trip Report Session Two

Second Session in Buzzards Roost we paddled Flagstaff Lake. Our trip leader was Pat. Also William Rounds and Nick Musciano Paddled with us. It was an animated three-day paddle. It was totally awesome. We paddled the most on the second day. The weather was awesome except on the last day it rained hard. The last day was a short paddle to the take out point. There we met Cabin 8 who was going to do the trip after us. A good time was had by all.



Owl's Perch Trip Report 2nd Session

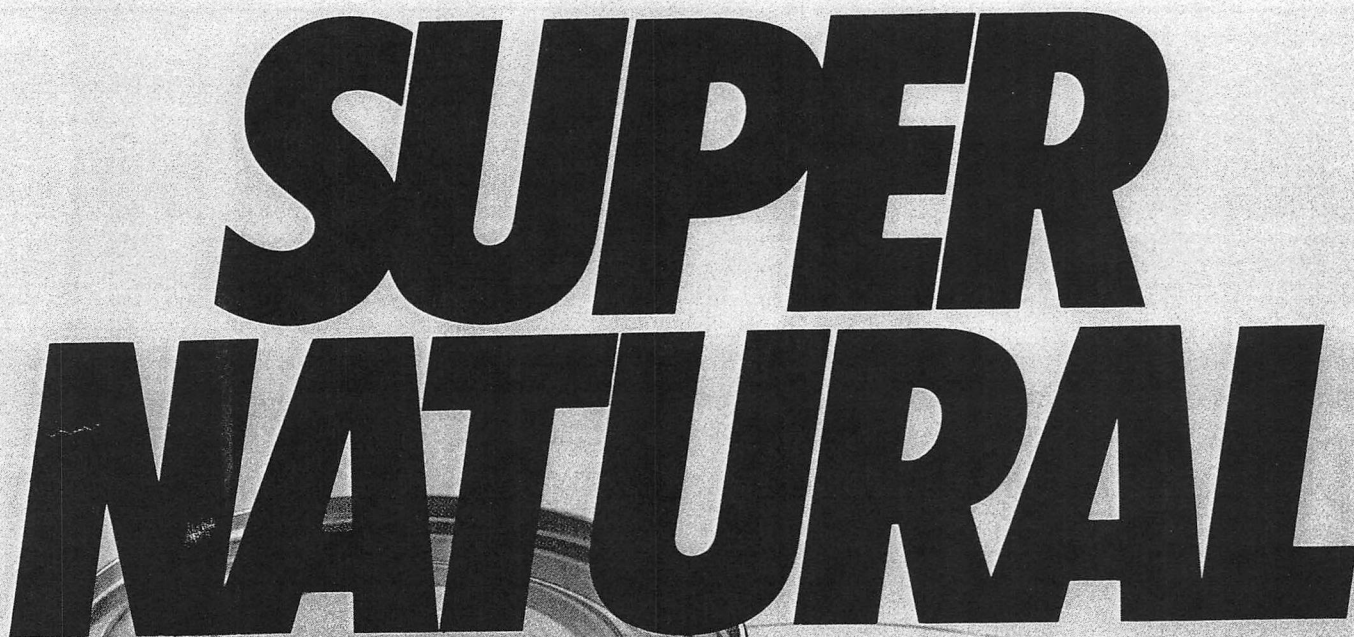
We pretended to go to "Moose River". Honestly it wasn't a lie. We went to Wal-Mart, purchased a slip and slide labeled "Moose River". It was awesome! First Ed Cohen slid, then Ben Jones. Hehe. It was an awesome time. Then we "portaged" a mile and a half with our new slip and slide through the Wal-Mart parking lot and got lost. At that point DB hulked out and ate like sixteen shopping carts. When he was de-hulked we went and camped out in the cool shacks in the back of Wal-Mart. Ian cooked popcorn that he had bought. Then we honestly sat around for the next three years.

Note: Nothing described in this trip report is a living piece of reality. A lack of documentation is the fault of Owl's Perch and its residing members.

From Innocence to Undoing

Pete's Palace Trip Report 2nd Session

In the second session, Pete's Palace visited the Presidential Mountain Range in New Hampshire. We stayed at the Dolly Copp campground. The second day we set off bright and early. We hiked up the Daniel Webster (Scout) Trail. We reached the top of Mt. Madison and decided to have lunch. We then continued on to Mt. Adams. After reaching the peak, we headed back for camp and ate couscous for dinner. The next day we hiked the Glen Boulder trail, and we made it all the way to the summit of Mt. Washing, the highest mountain in the northeast at 6,288 feet high. It was awesome. The views were spectacular and we wrote letters to families from the top. We sped back down the mountain and ate pasta for dinner. The next morning we had pancakes for breakfast. We thank Patrick McCarthy and Eli Fitch for the awesome time we had. A good time was definitely had by all.



**SUPER
NATURAL**

"This is going to be fun"

Cabin 8 Trip Report Session Two

Our trip started on a rainy day on Flagstaff Lake. We were dropped off while Buzzards Roost was picked up. Our Trip Leader was Pat. Also Will Weeks and Marc Winkler came along for the paddle. Cabin 8 also has some guest paddlers on the ride. They were Alasdair Thornton and Sam Cleaves. When we started paddling the sun came out and we were able to set up camp in dry weather. The next day we had a nice sunny day to paddle. It was wickedly awesome. The next day we had a 15 minute paddle to the pick up spot where Don and Janice were waiting to pick us up.

JUICED UP

Activity Reports

"We did them each and every day...
And we loved it..."

Field Activity Reports

“In the hot sun... day in and day out”

Baseball Activity Report

Matt Downs and David Barrette

This year at baseball, there was a lot of fun and a lot of badges earned. Campers became proficient in baseball skills including hitting, fielding, base running, throwing, knowledge and strategy. Campers who earned junior baseball badges include: Tim Mlynarski, Brady Caspar, Nick Cogswell, Henry Cleaves, Jack Cutler, Ryan Boothby, Ben Semmes, Charlie Schuler, Peter Burke, Theo Lipsky, Sam Sherman, Austin Shelnut, and Mike Johnson. Campers who earned their senior baseball badges include: Jamie Foley, Will Brewster, Alex Chapin, Owen Knights. Earning their advanced baseball badges after non-stop practice were Alasdair Thornton, Sean O'Toole, and Andrew Koines.

There were two games between the staff and the campers. First session, the staff won the game that was a run filled game. The MVP of the game was Alasdair Thornton. The second session camper/staff game was postponed due to the Senior Camper trip during the last week of full activities. At press time, the game report was not available.

There were also two games with other camps. First session saw Camp Wigwam travel to the BRC field. That game went to the bad guys who won 17-7. Even though the boys lost, they came away from the game with great spirits and their heads up high. They played a great game. The second session game saw Camp Susan Curtis venture over from Stoneham to play here at BRC. The game was a very high scoring game in which there were some defensive miscues from both teams. BRC came away happy with a 36-16 victory. Both session teams played very well and we were both pleased with how the boys handled themselves in the games.

Basketball Activity Report

Matt Downs and David Barrette

This year at basketball, campers could be found dribbling, shooting, driving the lane, passing and most importantly, having fun. Many campers also earned a lot of badges. Those campers earning junior basketball badges include: Nathaniel Young, Kellen Smith, Nick Cogswell, Matt Burke, Nate Geremia, Sam Sherman, Max Salmeron, Peter Burke, and Mike Johnson. Campers earning their senior basketball badges include: Zach Lynn, Andy Churchill, Noah Aronson, Grant Hailer, Chris Huston, Jake Cohen and Zach Cohen. Earning their advanced basketball badges after hard work and determination were Andrew Koines and Alasdair Thornton.

**Full-
Court**

Volleyball - Sport of the Gods

DUDE! Volleyball is totally awesome!!! I'm the yellow happy smiley Australian accented volleyball here at Birch Rock, and I thought I'd take some time to tell you all what happened at V-ball this summer. I had a totally righteous time up on the field this year, getting to play some wicked awesome volleyball with all you dudes.

The guy teaching was this weird dude with some funky facial hair who made loud noises quite frequently. I think they said his name was Weasel or somethin' crazy like that, but it's all good, he was kinda cool. Then there were all these totally wicked super uber awesome campers up on the field all the time playin some volleyball. They were like... Woah! BUMP, SET, SPIIIIKE BABY! It was totally wicked awesome, except of course for the fact that they were hitting me, which wasn't so totally wicked awesome. Oh, and then there was the time that that Weasel guy overinflated me, but that's kind of another story.

I also overheard something totally wicked awesome about badges or something. The Weasel-man said something like Eduard Houssein, Andrew Koinos, Anthony Clark, Tim Mlynarski, Ryan McElroen, Ed Cohen, Chelton Martin, Ben Jones, Walter Roland and Mike McKinnon all earned Jr. Badges. Plus, Chris Cogswell, Henry Schmid, Johnny Goodrich, Tim Myers, Grant Hailer, Peter Neilson, and Anthony Clark earned Sr. badges. RD Weeks made a great run for his advanced, but I think didn't have quite enough time. Also Griffin, Eben, Travis, Drew Cash, and Robert Donahue were super close to their badges. They should sign up and come spike me over the net sometime next year to finish those off.

Rock on Everybody!

The Yellow Smiley Happy Australian Accented Volleyball

Good Heart

Soccer 2005

Soccer at Birch Rock has had another great year. Plenty of guys got their badges, and all the campers involved improved their games and had fun. Most notable were the advanced badges earned by Ben Brewster and Sam Cleaves. They showed a great deal of skill and dedication, and their badges led to the reintroduction of advanced conditioning for soccer. The conditioning took the form of an ultra-secret, über-difficult double period of soccer. Overall, the summer was a big success.

-Paul Koepke

WHERE THE MARKET FAILS

Down East

If You Can Read This ...

Lacrosse Activity Report

Lacrosse is known as the oldest American sport. It was founded by Native Americans and is known as the fastest game on two feet. Lacrosse is a game filled with tradition and excellence. This year at Birch Rock Camp the lacrosse program was taught by Will Weeks with the help of the CITs, specifically Andrew Clemence and Mark Winkler. There were a large amount of campers that showed up each day at lacrosse. There were many Junior badges (known as the William) that were given out this year. For the Junior badge we focused on getting the kids used to some basic skills and knowledge of the game. We also had a few Senior badges, known as the Hobart that really took the basic skills that the camper had learned for the Williams and took it to the next level. Unfortunately this year, nobody earned the Advanced badge, known as the Hopkins. However, I am sure that next year campers like Owen Knights and Cole Schlecth will be working hard for that badge. I would also like to thank all the campers that came up to lacrosse because it's you guys that make the program.

BRC Lacrosse was awesome in 2005!

-Will Weeks

Is it enough for you to improve your game?
Or is it your goal to change the game itself?

Tennis Activity Report

Tennis this year at the Rock was a blast. The instructors this year were Will Weeks, Mark Sutherland a.k.a. the Weaz, David Barrette, and with help by Henry Rounds. There were many kids that showed up to tennis this year, therefore allowing us to give out a lot of badges. This year we really tried to focus on developing the campers skills and working to better improve their strokes. We also had a lot of campers who had not even touched a racquet before, which was awesome because it brought a perspective. With these campers we really worked on their strokes, specifically their forehand and backhand and also on introducing them to the overall game of tennis. This year in tennis there were many Junior badges and Senior badges that were given out to the kids. However, the advanced badge was a little tougher to get, but I am sure that campers like Tim Myers and Jack Coster will be working hard to earn it next year. Also, this summer we had a tournament against Wigwam which was a lot of fun and allowed the campers to show off their skills. We had a couple more tournaments that were scheduled to take place that unfortunately were cancelled. Hopefully next summer we will have more. Thanks to all the campers who came up to tennis.

2005 tennis was a blast!

-Will Weeks

Archery 2005 Activity Report

The BRC archery program this year, taught by Dan Letovsky and Ted Cunningham was exciting, suspenseful, but most of all tons of fun. Shooting on new bows, as well as some classic Birch Rock bows, the regular archers, along with plenty of new guys, earned a constant stream of badges. With fifteen badges in total, each one representing a certain level of archery prowess, Ted and I found ourselves awarding many badges per day as we watched our campers hone their skills and learn firsthand the definition of achievement. There were some challenging badge sessions, and fun shooting every period, but in the end we were most proud of the awesome attitudes of everyone who signed up for one of the oldest Birch Rock field activities. Thanks archers, it was an awesome year at the Rock and a pleasure teaching all of you.

-Dan Letovsky

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT IT

Going the distance

Miscellaneous Activity Reports

“Uhhmm, miscellaneous?”

Nature Program Report 2005

In 2005, the Nature Program was back! This year's program had three main themes: the struggle of life, the ecology of Maine, and identifying local plant and animal species. The program was immediately popular (periods with 10 campers were not unusual), and enthusiasm for the program remained high throughout the summer.

Most of the program focused on becoming more familiar with the natural world around Birch Rock. Although most days started with a game such as Who Am I?, Nature Bingo, or Predator/Prey, we tried to spend most of the day outside. In Maine, there is an abundance of interesting plants and animals, and the campers spent countless hours walking the BRC campus learning about the flora and fauna and how these species are adapted to survive in the wilderness.

We also had several unique teaching events. Beyond the daily visits of wildlife like Red Squirrels, Common Loons, and Black-capped Chickadees, we were lucky enough to see several Cedar Waxwings, Great Blue Herons, and Turkey Vultures. We also spent some days fishing and learning about the ecology of Lake McWain. Lastly, we had two amazing presentations by wildlife biologists, a wolf expert and a raptor specialist.

Nature badges were earned at a very fast pace, and I was happy that so many campers earned their Junior Nature Badge, the Baxter, named after the former governor of Maine and the namesake of Baxter State Park. I was also proud to have several campers strive for their Senior Nature Badge, the Audubon, and many achieved their goal.

Overall, it was a great summer for the Nature Program, and I was happy to be part of this revitalized aspect of Birch Rock.

- Blake Massey

It's a different kind of world.

BETWEEN TWO MOUNTAINS



Bigger, better, and stronger are three words I would use to describe Campcraft this year. More Jr. Campcraft badges were earned than any other year. General Swims were always busy at Joe's with both lower and upper campers. Next year I hope to see several Sr. badges earned. The lower campers got much better at Knife and Fire Rights and the upper campers made some beautiful shelters and cordage. The badge parts became clearer this year as the program defines it's self more each year. New badge parts such as Fire Maker, Fire Keeper, and Fire Master introduced new ways to light fires. The Magnesium Bar, Flint and Steel, and the Fire Bow are great new skills to teach.

But the big news of the summer was the introduction of the Ranger badge. This is the four and final Campcraft badge. The name comes from a badge for the 70's, but the badge is new. The Ranger has some really challenging and fun parts to it. But it is not for most campers. It is for senior campers only, and requires the camper to push himself physically, mentally, and emotionally. The highlight of the badge is the Solo or Lone Vigil. This year Sam Deeran was the first camper in 29 years to complete it, and it was an honor to witness it. The purpose of the Solo can be summed up in a poem by Sam Keen,

**"A Man must go on a quest
To discover a sacred fire
In the sanctuary of his own belly
To ignite the flame in his heart
To fuel the blaze in the hearth
To rekindle his ardor for the earth"**

Thanks for the great summer see ya'll next year,
Ryno, Dan, and Artem

Campfire

This year we had some great skits at Birch Rock Camp. We laughed, giggled, guffawed, wept, sobbed, gasped, and sighed. The Birch Rock Academy has decided on the following winners:

Best actor in action skit: Mike Mckinnon

Best actor in comedy: Alasdair Thornton

Best actor in CIT skit: Ben Schreiber

Best script writer: Jake Cohen

Best actor in drama: Zachary Bamberger

Best actor in staff skit: Mike Wilson

Best supporting actor in a staff skit: Mark Sutherland

Congratulations thespians!

Chill it.

EVERY KING NEEDS A THRONE.

THE DARK SIDE

Art Activity Report

2005 was a wonderful year for the BRC art program. With the addition of the new Chief's Cabin came a new room for Art. It was spacious, new, and beautiful (not pretty, but cool). Because it is a basement it is cool and dry, making it perfect for both rainy days and hot dogs, thus increasing the number of people that sign up. As far as badges go, there were lots of Juniors and Seniors, and this year I had the pleasure of working with two talented individuals, Aidan Bozzelli and Pat Huycke, that were going for their advanced badges. They put in a lot of time and hard work and produced numerous beautiful works of art. Other than that, not much else happened, there were a few special activities and a lot of fun learning.

-Galen Arnold

On Top of the World

yea!

Take a dip,
make a splash.



OKAY, THERE IS NO
HARD PART.

Mountain Biking 2005

Mike Wilson and Ted Cunningham

At Mountain Biking, we teach boys bike maintenance and riding technique from elementary to sophisticated, and then bring them out to trails so that they can see their maintenance work in action and practice their technical skills. This is how boys earn badge parts. In the woods, they also build strength, challenge self-imposed limits, mentor each other, and encounter nature. We offer mountain biking signups to kids twelve and older, with occasional exceptions, and provide bikes to kids who can't bring their own. The mountain biking program also coordinates the triathlon, in which racers swim across Lake McWain, then get on bikes to go clockwise around the lake to Springer's General store, and then run the rest of the way back to camp.

Mike's leaving next year, to try out being a math teacher, Ted is going to take a summer off to focus on sports and home issues, as well. We've worked with guys who are in positions to lead the program in the future, to make sure that mountain biking continues strong, and grows. The boys are going to continue traditions like the Three in a Row Stick, the time trials trail, and the triathlon. We challenge them to cut some single-track, work on maintaining existing trails, to explore new trails out past the Nemesis, and to bring back the bike trip to an overnight campsite, as we did to overset pond in 2001. Another big change (a year late for Ted and Mike): the shed is being expanded to accommodate camper and camp bikes and to include a work bench and adequate shelf space for more organized bike maintenance. The next generation of bikers has the privilege and responsibility of using this space, too.

We encountered a dead cow across one of our trails during the first week of the summer. Tom Clemence called the McWain Hill's cow farm to report the death, and we learned that the farmer had put it down there himself, intentionally, just the day before. For the rest of the summer, the cow's digestion and decomposition marked time. In the first session, cow white and plump, we worked on badge parts and went on a trip to Hawk Mountain with Doug Miller, and researched and took an overnight trip to Bradbury state park with eight boys. The badge parts were a pleasure to give out, especially Peter Robbins' three-in-a-row, for which he worked for one and a half weeks before succeeding; on the top of Hawk mountain, we met some young men and talked to them about coming to Birch Rock as campers, which they may do; and at Bradbury we explored rugged and historic trails around Bradbury mountain, and then rode wonderful single track. Bradbury was so successful that we decided to make visiting a tradition.

Next season, early riders saw the cow freshly split open under the force of gasses trapped inside. The group worked on badges and got out into the woods, went to Hawk Mountain again, and returned to Bradbury. Andrew Bowden's bike, which he'd inherited from his father, split its crank and fell apart under his feet on the Pistorino trail; Chelton and Peter worked on creating a maintenance schedule for the camp bikes and began servicing front and rear hubs; Ted cracked his suspension fork on a rock, in a major fall on the way up Hawk Mountain, spilling oil across the trail and his front rim; and on the return trip to Bradbury, we enjoyed the trails as before, but also had a talk together about what the mountain biking program is and how it's going to go on. We took a few runs into the woods, and all that was left of the cow was bones.

We want to thank Jonas Mikolayunas, the original Birch Rock mountain biking instructor, for coming back and helping us out this year. Jonas works for e.thirteen and Evil Bikes, two names in downhill biking, and taught sophisticated mountain biking maintenance for a few years. He gave us lots of spare parts, connections to bike service we needed, and ideas; we want to thank Tom Clemence, a member of the board, an athlete, and a camp father, for co-leading trips, buying bike parts for us in Portland, and offering encouragement and gentle mentoring that came from loving what we do here; we want to thank Ian Saar, BRC trip leader, movie buff, and caring guy, for coming with us on our two Bradbury mountain trips as the obligatory 21-year-old, and then rising to cooking and helping with set up at the campsite, waiting for us while we were riding, and hanging out with us; we want to thank CIT Ross Shlecht for his commitment to the program and his growth; we want to thank CIT Andrew Clemence for his strong, coach-like presence on the trail, and his commitment to the program. They're next year's leaders; and we want to thank Chelton Martin and Peter Neilson, advanced badge candidates, for their hard work in the program.

We're going to visit next year to make sure the program continues as we expect it to.

Mike and Ted

Waterfront Reports

"I frolic, therefore I am."

Sailing 2005 Activity Report

This year out on Lake McWain fine Birch Rock sailors braved the white caps and lulls as they honed their mastery of the wind. The highlights of this session were the determination of our two skipper candidates, Sam Deeran and Andrew Bowden, who worked so hard right down till the last day. They both reached their goal and a big congratulations is deserved to each. To all the younger sailors, I was equally impressed with your dedication and growing ability. I have a feeling someday you too will reach the rank of skipper.

The Sailing Regatta made its triumphant return this summer. Twenty-four young men tried their hand at racing around the lake. Congratulations to everyone who participated and a special congrats to our new champions. I would like to thank all the staff that helped me out this year on my days off/trips. Thank you for keeping the program running strong.

At the end of the season the boats were clean, the FJ's had flown a spinnaker (thanks to Ben Schreiber for that), and badges were earned. Sounds like a very successful summer to me. Until next year, may your sails always be full of wind.

-Erik Joelsson

PRICELESS

TREASURES

Windsurfing Activity Report

This summer was the new windsurfing program's second year running. I was delighted to see all the campers from last summer come back to work on their senior badges, but I was truly thrilled by the number of boys who came down to the waterfront to try out windsurfing for the very first time. There is nothing quite comparable to the excitement and sense of accomplishment expressed by campers young and old when they grab the sail and speed away from shore. When there was absolutely no wind, people would still sign up to go play a fun game of tennis ball tag on the windsurfing boards, or to learn about the finer points of steering and tacking. On windy days, those working on their senior badges would windsurf across the lake and back alongside the Birch Rock sailors.

All in all, this was an amazing season down at windsurfing and I wish to thank all the campers (and staff!) who have supported the program by signing up every day. I look forward to seeing everyone back next summer for another season of windsurfing out on lake McWain.

For the love of William Rounds

THE BIGGEST THING

Canoeing 2005

It was yet another awesome summer out on Lake McWain this year. Mike Wilson, Artem Kutikov, Paul Koepke, and myself all thoroughly enjoyed teaching canoeing to all you fine gentlemen this summer. We have some expert paddlers emerging from all age groups, who are starting to appreciate the fine sport of canoeing.

We hope you enjoyed and will remember the variety of activities we had out on the lake this year, including canoe rescues, playing with the airpocket, paddling to the stream or seal rock, decking, gunnel jumping, PFD tag, shorehugging, paddling under the pump line, sneaking up on Campcraft playing crosslake capture the buoy, working on badge parts and much more. I know I will cherish all the time I had with you guys out on the lake.

I'd like to give special recognition to those of you who earned badges at canoeing this year. Earning their penobscots were: Alex McLaughlin, Henry Cleaves, Nate Geremia, Jeremy Lifter, Henry Schmid, Matt Carson, Dan Huycke, Johnny Goodrich, R.D. Weeks. Earning their abanakis were: Alasdair Thorton, Andrew Koines, Jake Cohen, and Andrew Bowden. In addition, we had a record number of Passamaquoddy candidates this summer. A big thank you goes to Walter Roland who made an excellent attempt at this difficult third badge but simply wasn't able to sign up enough to finish it off. And to Sean O'Toole and Andrew Bowden my congratulations and utmost respect is due, because they managed to earn one of the most difficult badges in camp, the Passamaquoddy. They have reached a level of canoeing knowledge that most can only dream of.

As I said it's been a pleasure and I hope to see you all next year!

-The Weaz



Kayaking

This has been an exciting year of revitalization for the kayaking program. It has seen the addition of an advanced badge, insane endurance trials, and the just-plain-ridiculous "GAUNTLET". At the helm are Eli Fitch and Matt Clifford. This year Kayaking has a dual focus on whitewater skills and sea kayaking knowledge. Kayaking was explosive this summer and will continue to be for many summers to come.

RIPPING

**MISSION
CRITICAL**

Swimming Activity Report

Down at swimming, the swims went swimmingly. We swam, they swam; we all swam. Swimmers swam record-breaking swims. Swimmers also overcame their swimming fears by swimming. And everyone learned how to swim; it was swimrific. A couple dual swims were swum. There were three W.S.I. swim guys and two other swim guys that worked out swimmingly. By the way, the big question of the summer was:

"How many swims could a swimchuck swim, if a swimchuck could swim swims?"

Unfortunately we could never get a swimchuck to swim swims.

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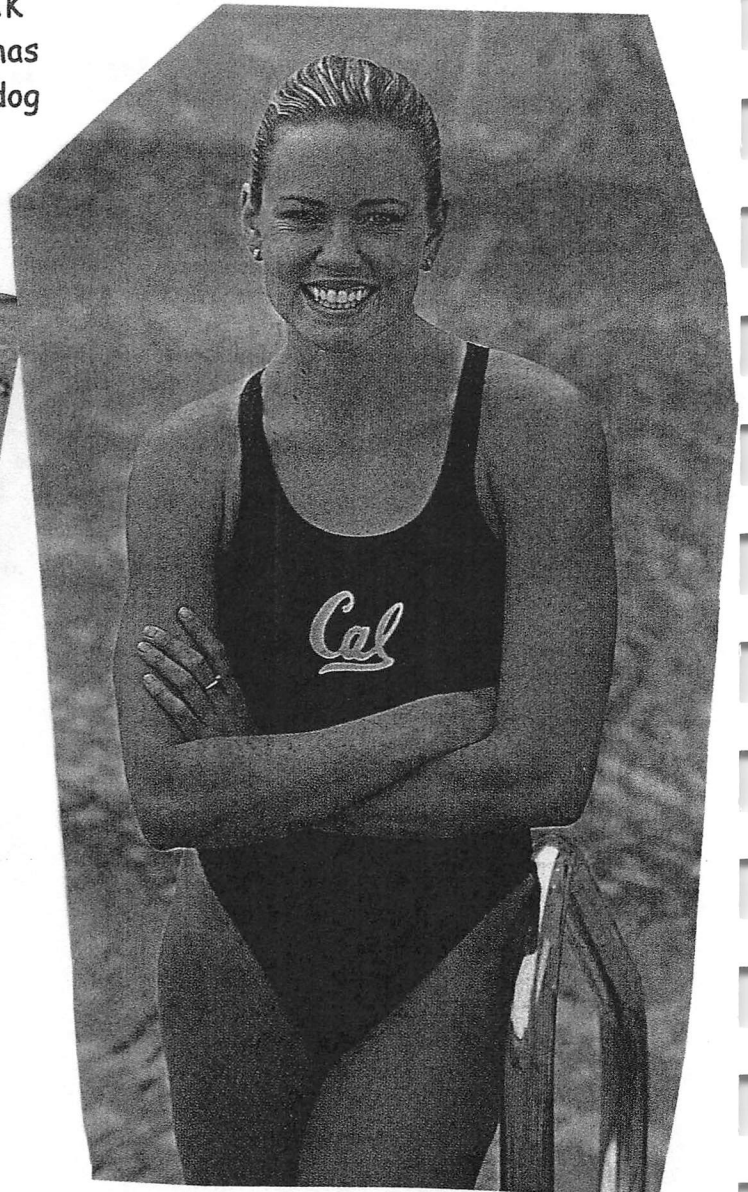
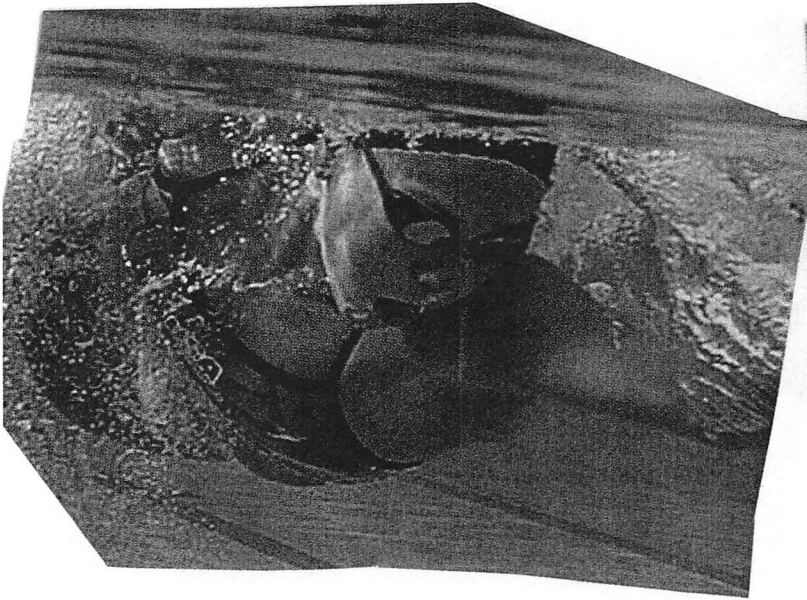
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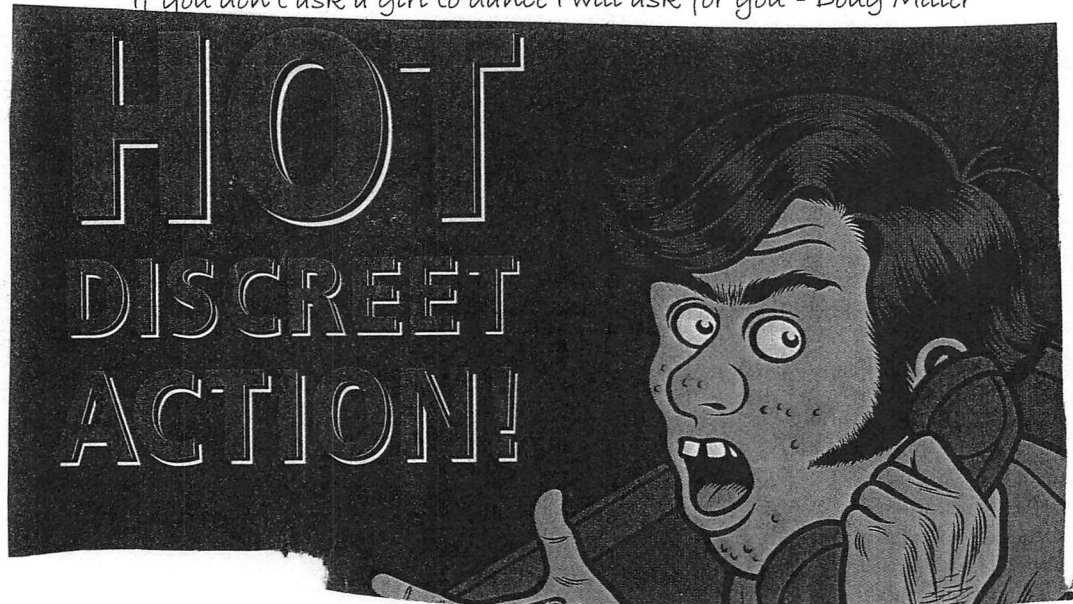
Special Reports

Special: (*Adj.*) Of a distinct or particular kind or character distinguished or different from what is ordinary or usual.

Arcadia Dance

This year's garden party with Arcadia was on an awesome first night on July. The night began with the upper camp taking showers so they will look and smell great for the ladies. We ate dinner and hopped quickly into the waiting vans. We all were exited and psyched that the dance had finally come. On the ride to arcadia we all popped mints in our mouths and fixed up our hair. When we finally got there girls were waiting to dance with the well-mannered birch rock boys. The lights began to flash and people all swarmed onto the dance floor. The birch rock boys began to dance with the young ladies while the staff members began to converse with the older ladies at the camp. At the end of the night the campers and staff said there last goodbyes and said farewell to the wonderful ladies. It was such a blast!!!

"If you don't ask a girl to dance I will ask for you"- Doug Miller





July 4th Parade

On July 4th, 2005 lower camp found out they were going to march in a independence day parade in the town of Waterford, ME. After breakfast lower camp headed up to the field to prepare for the wonderful fun filled morning of marching by practicing camp songs. After the camp songs were solid the lower camp piled into the vans awaiting for departure into town. Before they knew it lower camp was marching in the parade singing and having a great time. The crowd whooped, cheered, and applauded. When the parade ended lower camp jumped back into the vans and headed back to camp. Lower camp arrived back at the "rock" with a patriotic feeling and mind. A good time was had by all!

STREETS OF FIRE

Nature Trip Report

The nature activity visited the Maine Wild Life Park to see the great wildlife. When we first got there we went to the first exhibit to see the Birds of Prey. We saw a baby bald eagle, great horned owl, bared owl, and turkey vulture. Next, we went to see the fish and bears. There were two black bears, a mama and a cub. We saw a moose and looked for coyotes. Next we saw the lynx, which were really cool. We saw one eating a snow-shoe hare. We learned a lot from Blake, the nature instructor. Some animals we saw were fishers, raccoons, porcupines, gray foxes, turtles, lynx, bobcats, mountain lions, moose, black bears, woodchucks, fish, and birds.

"You're perfect
as you are—and you've
got to change.

That is the
essential dialectic
of the treatment."

MTB. Trip, First Session

The first session mountain biking trip was a huge success. Eleven people, 7 campers and four counselors left an early Monday morning to Bradbury state park. The seven campers were Peter Neilson, Mike McKinnon, Walter Roland, Chelton Martin, Chris Cogswell, David Kane and Dylan Laycox. The four counselors were Mike Wilson, Ted Cunningham, Tom Clemens and Ian "Starr" Sarr. We arrived to a very nice campsite and set up tents and then proceeded to eat a hearty lunch. We then left to ride the boundry trail, which had some very technical sections to the summit of Mt. Bradbury. Then we rode a fast, flowy downhill back to the campsite. Tom then had to leave. The rest of us headed back out to another part of Bradbury State Park on what we thought would be a simple relaxing double track. We then proceeded to find some of the most buff singletracks ever. There was an entire 2.5mile loop not shown on the map of singletrack designed specifically for mountain bikers. We rode approximately one third of it. We then headed back to our campsite, ate some gourmet couscous and roasted marshmallows. Late at night Tom returned with pizza and soda, which was incredibly good. The next morning we woke up early and ate oatmeal. We then headed back out to the singletracks and rode virtually all of them. On some parts of the trail there were some very well designed log rides. We then went back to the campsite loaded the cans and headed back to BRC. A supercar fragilisticxpealidotious time was had by all.

**Those Wacky
Weimarangers perfect**

Special Delivery

Turnover Day

On the last day of the first session we helped all the first session kids get the stuff out of the cabin and packed in there cars. When they all were gone all the Seven-week kids had lunch and found out what was going down in the afternoon. The first thing we did was pile into the vans and head over to Big Adventure. Big Adventure was filled with fun filled activities such as water slides, mini golf, laser tag, arcade, bowling, and rock climbing. After all these fun activities at Big Adventure we all had pizza and soda for dinner. Then we Piled back into the van to find out we were going to see Charlie and The Chocolate Factory. Umpa-lumpa dupadi-do- we've got a big surprise for you. Then after the fun filled movie we piled back into the vans to head back to camp were our beds waited for sleeping kids.

The light at the end of the tunnel

PLAY BALL!

Staff-Camper Baseball Game 1st Session

In the first session a brave group of campers decided to battle the staff in a baseball game. The starting line-up was comprised of eight young gentlemen selected after much deliberation by the manager Sean O'Toole. Sam Cleaves, Pat Bowden, Mike Johnson, Alasdair Thornton, Sean O'Toole, Andrew Koines, Chris McElroen, and Ryan McElroen. Also on the team were Ross Sherman, Alex Chapin and Will Brewster. After the first four innings of getting crushed twenty-three to zero. The campers came to bat in the top of the fifth inning. To lead off the inning the campers hit a couple of singles. Pretty soon we had two outs and two men on and Sean O'Toole grounded into the final out of the game. The final score was definitely fun to fun or if you ask the staff (23-2). A good time was definitely had by all.

In the Cross Hairs

Beach Day

Beach day was totally awesome. There where people riding some radical waves while the land lovers stuck to the shore and had fun in the sun. There where elaborate castles of sand made with walls made to withstand any onslaught of waves the ocean could conjure up. There was some intense volleyball matches with diving saves and winning spikes. Than for the more mellow of us there was a long beach to stroll down ankle deep in the water if it was so desired there was also the hot sand for everyone to sink their feet into. All this fun and excitement started with the tradition of lining up on the beach and running into the water all at the same time and it ended the same way as usual, the strut walk!

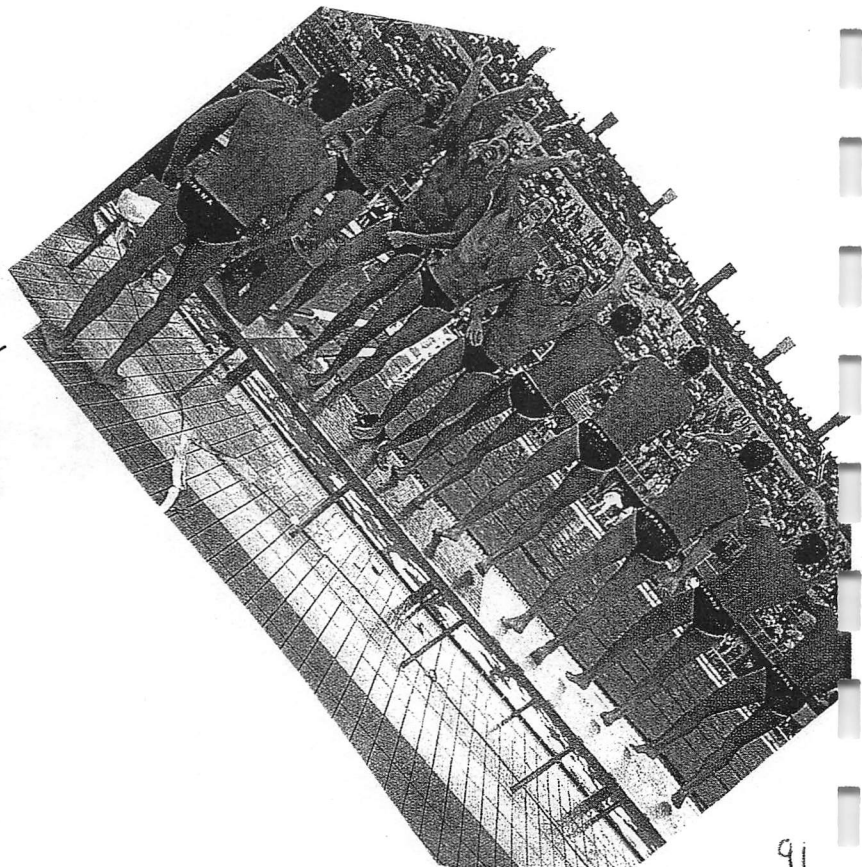
Business suit. Bathing suit.

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Whirlpool Report

This year down at the wah-wah waterfront the whirlpools were fast and furious (maybe too fast and too furious). We successfully cleared muck from the cradles on a bi-daily basis. Our chants included... "you love it!", "we love whirlpools!", "Exfoliate!", and lastly "Frolic!". Energy was high and muck was low. We can honestly add that skin condition around camp was improved due to daily exfoliations with the mud prior to the infamous whirlpools. We had two guys who came down to Whirlpool everyday and finally earned their advanced Whirlpool badges. I can definitely see them growing up to be awesome whirlpool instructors. Next year the muck levels are expected to reach that of sixteen inches in the spring rains so we look forward to the muck's removal and destruction. Peace until next year and may the spinning spirit of whirlpools around the world be with you...

Samuel L. Deeran and Alasdair Thornton

Camper Bequeaths

We at BRC do hereby bequeath...

To Noah Aronson...a large wooden arc
To Zach Bamberger...full body armor
To Alex Benjack...a compass
To Andrew Benjack...his knife
To Ryan Boothby...Lenza
To Andrew Bowden...picnic basket
To Pat Bowden...a tub of marshmallow fluff
To Aidan Bozzelli...a can of spray paint
To Will Brewster...a permanently tucked in shirt
To Ben Brewster...a less embarrassing father
To Matthew Burke...two front teeth
To Peter Burke...The Eagles
To Jake Cahill...a megaphone
To Jay Capasso...tickets to every Red Sox/Yankees game
To Grant Carlson...juggling balls
To Matt Carson...an inflatable cabin
To Drew Cash...Rolling Stone magazine
To Charlie Caspar...his own firepit
To Brady Caspar...a family of ghosts
To Dimitri Cavoulacos...a ready handshake
To Alex Chapin...a band
To Andy Churchill...his own sitcom
To Anthony Clark...his back-up group, the Big Four
To Sam Cleaves...a throne in Buzzard's Roost
To Henry Cleaves...a yacht
To Andrew Clemence...the deed to Birch Rock
To Chris Cogswell...a bra for your skits
To Nick Cogswell...running lessons
To Ed Cohen...a new catch phrase
To Zach Cohen...more water
To Jake Cohen...lunch date with George Lucas
To Bennett Cole...a Birch Rock in his own back yard
To Jack Coster...his own theme song
To Jack Cutler...a spokesperson for the Gap
To Sam Deeran...yet another Campcraft badge
To Robert Donahue...more French toast
To Gabe Dreyer...trip to Romania
To Aaron Duff...snack
To Andrew Edwards...F-14 Tomcat and Maverick
To Jake Feinman...his own SeaWorld
To Dave Florence...some more bling
To Marco Fois...more attention
To Guilio Fois...Marco cheer sign
To Jamie Foley...soil from Birch Rock

To Markus Foley...3 ½ more weeks at the Rock
To Tom Foorman...a focus knob
To Gabriel Garcia...Birch Rock's Hispanic Division
To Nate Geremia...a new hat
To Eben Goldman...hot wax
To Johnny Goodrich...nap time
To Henry Gunderson...some scat
To Grant Hailer...pronunciation key for his last name
To Edward Houssin...messy handwriting
To Ben Howard...a taffy pulling machine
To Nate Howard...a walker
To Chris Huston...a scramble statue outside the lodge
To Pat Huycke...a special whale
To Dan Huycke...to be a character in My Side of the Mountain
To Matt Introcaso...a staff shirt
To Travis Johnson...a hyena
To Mike Johnson...a tiny rock
To Ben Jones...more Falmouth cabinmates
To David Kane...permission to take his bike everywhere
To Griffin Kline...fruits and vegetables
To Owen Knights...gift certificate to Lax World
To Andrew Koines...a real novel
To Dylan Laycox...more time out of Sherborn
To Jeremy Lifter...concrete floor for the lake
To Theo Lipsky...a day at Hogwarts
To Zack Lynn...talons
To Nick Martin...free time to just floar around camp
To Chelton Martin...his own character in Scooby Doo
To Ryan McElroen...a dog named Bingo
To Chris McElroen...the Whale Record
To Mike McKinnon...more one minute announcements
To Alex McLaughlin...just one more week
To Colin McMahan...millions of fish
To Alex Melberg...a bed that makes itself
To Timothy Mylnarski...can I buy a vowel?
To John Musciano...another nickname
To Nick Musciano...a shirt explaining how to pronounce his name
To Tim Myers...the kid in the Goofy movie
To Peter Neilson...mullet
To Charles Netzer...more space in Pete's Palace
To Harry Netzer...a wig
To Sean O'Toole...Complete Command of the Campus
To Tuck Richardson...a hair band
To Chris Rios...a copy of the Nick Rios video footage
To Peter Robbins...the 100 Acre Wood
To Walter Roland...more time to scrub the washhouse
To Joe Rood...a bridge across the lake
To Henry Rounds...another tennis instructore
To Max Salmeron...more mail

To Ryan Scheyer...24 hours of campcraft
To Ross Schlecht...a list of synonyms for "cool"
To Cole Schlecht...a stuffed Mountain Bike
To Henry Schmid...mime school
To Ben Schreiber...is he back yet?
To Charlie Schueler...a lifetime at Birch Rock
To Ben Semmes...a podium
To Austin Shelnutt...a bed in upper camp
To Sam Sherman...a character in his own animated cartoon
To Ross Sherman...sunscreen
To Charlie Silverstein...Nurdy back for Pirates Day
To Kellen Smith...more competition
To Matt Sutton...time with Adam Horowitz
To Cody Tarlow...a flesh suit
To Alasdair Thornton...a magazine rack
To Robert David Weeks...C3PO
To Curtis Whiting...more fiber
To Luke Willoughby...the force
To Marc Winkler...Ziggy and Conor
To Nathaniel Young...a role in a Disney film
To Andrew Ziegler...another desert

Staff Bequeaths

We at BRC hereby bequeath...

To Pearson Jenks... A Cracker
To Matt Clifford... A anti megaphone
To Artem Kutikov... Independence
To Ted Cunningham... Another round/ a walking stick
To Dan Letovsky... The Wizard
To Will Weeks... A Six pack pact membership
To Galen Arnold... A Baseball rule book
To Eli Fitch... A Ride
To Dave Barrette... A wake-up service
To Matt Downs... Molly
To Paul Koepke... Uber hand talking lessons
To Mike Wilson... Cabin 2
To Keith Arnold... A Hog farm
To Mark "Weaz" Sutherland... Fully equipped interrogation room
To William Rounds... Attitude adjustment
To Erik Joelsson... A Better look
To Carl Finnson... Australian Life guard training
To Richard Deering... His own cabin project
To Mike Mattson... Dorks and dark basements
To Doug Miller... Six Robotic arms
To Pat McCarthy... The Game
To Ian Sarr... A windbreaker
To Ryan Massey... A paper cup and half of a wax cord
To Blake Massey... A Paper cup and the other half of the wax cord
To Felicia Starbird... Her own t-shirt printing company
To Christine ... A boxing ring
To Wendy Blair... Peace and Happiness
To Joyce Sweatt... Readable lips
To Cathy Roland... The lasso of truth
To Charlie McDonald... A ground penetrating pipe finder
To Dave Weeks... 28 longer days
To Don Munn... A rock band
To Janice Walker... A bikini to mow in
To Pam Stock... Surveillance cameras
To Amy Poland... A Millionaire

We Remember Sooooo Well...

Opening Day...New Cook...Name Games in the new Boathouse...No more tower...Ryno's got a twin...Nature revival...Rain (It's "Muggy")...Points System... Bingo...B, SEVEN!... Campfire... Ninja Skits... Clone Wars...Walter wins tug of war... Jibbity-Jab-Jab... Haters...Hil Duff... Gronkatonk... "Today is the most important day of your life"...Another rainy day...booboo bowden...Board games in the cabin...Lindsay lohan...aint no holler back girl... Triangle Laps... Good Trips... Pat, Ian, and Junya... Dano's hot sauce (ooooooooohhh)... Cross-camp capture the flag... The Bell of Awakening...Water carnival... Cross-lake capture the PFD... Ribs... Root Beer Floats... 4th of July parade... Fireworks... Geronimo!! Too much milk ...Weird Science... Three Amigos...WHIRLPOOL! You Love it!!!...Cabin Competition (Mr. BRC-Ryan M.)... Good-bye first session... Peace Junior... The Pit of Doom...Turnover Day...no Andrew you cant have any more Amp... laser tag... ninja names...Sponge bob makes an appearance...More intros...HE MADE YOUR BED!...Hello 2nd Session... Time Bandits... Back to the Future... DON'T TOUCH THAT IT'S EVIL...Raptor, a bird of prey...Native American Visitor...Eagles wins again...Netzer finally comes...Bears with guns...many old friends visit...WHALES...Longest...Shortest(2:01)...Double...Most... So much cake...Seals... innumerable...Solo(1976,2005)... Beach Day... Strut Contest...Peace DB...Triathalon... Banquet... Chip Ceremony...Badge Ceremony...Good-byes...

Buddha SAYS...

"MILK IN GREAT ABUNDANCE
MEANS SUPPLEMENTS OF
CALCIUM. BUT, MODERATION
MUST BE PRACTICED."

"BEFORE ENLIGHTENMENT,
I CHOPPED WOOD AND
CARRIED WATER. AFTER
ENLIGHTENMENT I
WENT TO BIRCH ROCK
CAMP. IT PROVED TO
BE VERY SIMILAR."

"JIBBITY JAB JAB"

THE BU

"SEVEN!"

"WHIRLPOOL!
YOU LOVE IT!"

"A BEAR WITH
A GUN, IS A
BEAR OF FUR"

"THESE TASTES
GOO WITH THREE
POONIFULLED WITH
GOODICE"

"BOO JUICE 2.0"

"THE FOUR NOBLE TRUTHS ARE...
PETER NEILSON,
DR. SIMON CHARLES DEERAW,
RYAN McELROEN &
CHRIS McELROEN."

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